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For: USE OF CALCIUM  
CARBONATE IN RIGID  
POLY(VINYL CHLORIDE)  
COMPOSITIONS

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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**Introductory Comments**

In response to the International Preliminary Examination Report mailed August 10, 2004, Applicants amend their claims to emphasize that their essentially pure chalk-like calcium carbonate serves as a scavenger for free hydrochloric acid generated in poly(vinyl chloride) upon exposure to visible and ultraviolet light. Applicants also remove multiple dependencies. Applicants request examination and a Notice of Allowance.

This document contains **Claims**, starting on the next page.

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